(d) if so, what are the details thereof;

(e) whether the European Community (EC) urge Government to privatise the infrastructure sector totally in order to make it efficient and profitable; and

(f) if so, what steps Government have taken in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE) : (a) and (b) Government is formulating an Accreditation Scheme for Standards and Conformity which inter-alia includes the establishment of a National Quality Council and three Accreditation Boards working under its umbrella. A European Expert Group has also submitted recommendatons in this respect.

(c) and (d) The EEC has offered expert advice on the technical issues involved and assistance in training personnel and upgradation of laboratories.

(e) No, Sir.

(f) Does not arise.

Upgradation of Regional Licensing Offices

3868. SHRI SATCHIDANANDA : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the various Regional Licensing Offices of Jaipur, Moradabad etc. have been upgraded, if so, the date from which upgradation of these offices have taken place and what action has been taken to fill up these posts with regular incumbents; and

(b) whwether these posts are still manned by junior officers and whether they are entitled to extra remuneration for performing the duties of higher posts and if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. A list containing the names of Regional Offices which were up-graded and the date from which these were upgraded is given in the statement (*See* below). However, respective posts could not be created in view of the economy instructions of the Government. Officers who have been manning these Regional Offices were/are only allowed to exercise higher powers. Proposal to grant extra remuneration is being considered.

Statement

Details of Regional Offices under DGFT which were upgraded and the dates from which upgraded.

Name of the Regional Offices	Name before Upgradation	Name after Upgradation	Date from which upgraded
1	2	3	4
1. Jaipur	Dy. CCI & F	Jt. CCI & F (Now Jt. DGFT)	25-4-90
2. Moradabad	Dy. CCI & F	Jt. CCI & F (Now Jt. DGFT)	25-4-90
3. Varanasi	Dy. CCI & F	Jt. CCI & F (Now Jt. DGFT)	24-4-90
4. Ernakulam	Dy. CCI & F	Jt. CCI & F (Now Jt. DGFT)	25-4-90
5. Patna	Asstt. CCI & F	Dy. CCI & F (Now Dy. DGFT)	25-4-90
6. Tuticorin	Asstt. CCI & F	Now closed but a new office of Dy. CCI & F (Now Dy. DGFT) level opened at Madurai	25-4-90
7. Rajkot	Asstt. CCI & F	Dy. CCI & F (Now Dy. DGFT.	24-7-89